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DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Attention:

Mr. Lowell Braxton

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Re:

Response to Division Order: Correct Permit Areas for PacifiCorp Mines, PacifiCorp, Trail Mountain Mine, ACT/015/009 - DO-2000A, Des-Bee-Dove, ACT/015/017 - DO-2000A, Deer Creek Mine, ACT/015/018 - DO-2000A, Cottonwood Mine, ACT/015/019- DO-2000A, Emery County, Utah.

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby submits a response to the Division Order to correct permit areas for PacifiCorp mines in Emery County.

Division Order:

Provide an accurate legal description of the land with the permit area and surface disturbance area in accordance with:

R645-301-111.200 Responsibility. It is the responsibility of the permit applicant to provide to the Division all of the information required by R645-301-100.

R645-301-114 Right-of-Entry Information.

114.100. An application will contain a description of the documents upon which the applicant bases their legal right to enter and begin coal mining and reclamation operations in the permit area and will state whether that right is the subject of pending litigation. The description will identify the documents by type and date of execution, identify the specific lands to which the document pertains, and explain the legal rights claimed by the applicant.

114.200. Where the private mineral estate to be mined has been severed from the private surface estate, an applicant will also submit: 114.210. A copy of the written consent of the surface owner for the

114.210. A copy of the written consent of the surface owner for the extraction of coal by certain coal mining and reclamation operations;

114.220. A copy of the conveyance that expressly grants or reserves the right to extract coal by certain coal mining and reclamation operations; or 114.230. If the conveyance does not expressly grant the right to extract the coal by certain coal mining and reclamation operations, documentation that under applicable Utah law, the applicant has the legal authority to extract the coal by those operations.

114.300. Nothing given under R645-301-114.100 through R645-301-114.200 will be construed to provide the Division with the authority to adjudicate property rights disputes.

R645-301-140 Maps and Plans

R645-301-521.121 The location of all buildings in and within 1000 feet of the proposed permit area, with identification of the current use of the buildings R645-301-521.140 Mine Maps and Permit Area Maps. These maps and/or cross-section drawings will clearly indicate

R645-301-521-141 The boundaries of all areas proposed to be affected over the estimated total life of the coal mining and reclamation operations, with a description of size, sequence and timing of the mining of subareas for which it is anticipated that additional permits will be sought; the coal mining and reclamation operations to be conducted, the lands to be affected throughout the operation, and any change in a facility or feature to be caused by the proposed operations.

The Division Order requiring a specific legal description for the mining operations listed is not warranted by the regulator. In a review of the sited regulations, a legal description of the permit area is not required. The lack of specific regulation requiring a legal description was also confirmed during a telephone conversation with Mary Ann Wright on March 8, 2000. During the discussion with Ms. Wright, PacifiCorp explained the difficult situation of providing a legal description for mining operations located on East Mountain (Cottonwood/Wilberg, Deer Creek and Des-Bee-Dove mines) as the result of Federal Coal Lease relinquishments which have been accepted in part by BLM. To comply with the Division Order, PacifiCorp recommended submitting amendments to clarify and accurately depict the "permit area" for each of the East Mountain property mines. Ms. Wright indicated that the Division did not want PacifiCorp to submit amendments revising the "permit area", instead, she simply wanted PacifiCorp to provide the Division with a description which describes the boundary of each of the identified permits.

The currently approved permits include a map which outlines the "permit area". Within each permit package, PacifiCorp legally describes the "permit area". Listed below is a revised legal description for each of the mines sited in the Division Order:

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Currently Approved Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine Permit Area
T17S, R6E, SLB&M Emery County, Utah
Section 1:
S½ S½ NE¼, E½ SW¼, SE¼.
Section 12:
E½ W½, E½.
Section 13:
E½ W½, E½.
Section 24:
E½ W½, E½.
Section 25:
N½ NE¼, Beginning at the SE corner of the NE¼ SE¼ of Section 25, T17S, R6E, SLB&M thence, north 160 rods; thence, west 116 rods to centerline of the Cottonwood Creek; thence, southerly along centerline of said creek to a point 84 rods west of the beginning; thence, east 84 rods to the beginning.
T17S, R7E, SLB&M Emery County, Utah
Section 6:
Portions of Lots 9, 10, and 11.
Section 7:
Lots 1-4, W½ W½ NE¼, SE¼ SW¼ NE¼, SW¼ SE¼ NE¼, SE¼.
Section 8:
S½ NW¼ SW¼, S½ SW¼, NE¼ SW¼ SE¼, S½ SW¼ SE¼, S½ SE¼ SE¼.
Section 9:
S½ S½ SW¼, SW¼ SW¼ SE¼, E½ SW¼ SE¼, SE¼ SE¼.
Section 10:
S½ N½ SW¼, S½ SW¼, SW¼ SE¼, S½ SE¼ SE¼.
Section 11:
Portions of the S½ SW¼ SW¼ west of the Deer Creek fault.
Section 14:
Portions of the W½ NW¼ west of the Deer Creek fault Portions of the W½ W½ SW¼ west of the Deer Creek fault.

Currently Approved Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine Permit Area
Section 15:
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Section 16:
All.
Section 17:
All.
Section 18:
All.
Section 19:
All.
Section 20:
A11.
Section 21:
All.
Section 22:
W½, NE¼, W½ SE¼, Portions of the E½ SE¼ SE¼ west of the Deer Creek fault, W½ SE¾ SE¾, N½ NE¼ SE¼, SW¼ NE¼ SE¾, Portions of the SE¼ NE¼ SE¼ west of the Deer Creek fault.
Section 23:
Portions of the W½ W½ NW¼ west of the Deer Creek fault, Portions of the W½ NW¼ SW¼ west of the Deer Creek fault.
Section 27:
NW¼, W½ NE¼, W½ E½ NE¼, Portions of the W½ E½ E½ NE¼ west of the Deer Creek fault, N½ SW¼.
Section 28:
All.
Section 29:
All

Currently Approved Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine Permit Area
Section 30:
All.
Section 31:
Lot 1, E½.
Section 32:
All.
Section 33:
N½, SW¼, W½ SE¼.
Section 34:
W½ NW¼, SE¼ NW¼.
T18S, R7E, SLB&M Emery County, Utah
Section 4:
Lots 2, 3, and 4.
Section 5:
Lots 1-4, S½ NW¼.

Currently Approved Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine Permit Area

Leach Field

Beginning S 52° 06' 48" W, 1664.59 feet from the NE corner of Section 34, T17S, R7E, SLB&M;

thence, S 15° 23' 50" E, 193.05 feet;

thence, N 69° 13' 28" W, 354.72 feet;

thence, N 14° 04' 20" W, 185.61 feet;

thence, N 29° 53' 51" E, 488.38 feet;

thence, N 00° 47' 31" E, 474.97 feet;

thence, E 30 feet;

thence, S 00° 47' 31" W, 421.50 feet;

thence, S 04° 55' 10" E, 598.80 feet,

to the point of beginning.

Currently Approved Deer Creek Mine Permit Area
T16S, R6E, SLB&M Emery County, Utah
Section 25:
E½ SE¼ SE¼
Section 36:
All.
T16S, R7E, SLB&M Emery County, Utah
Section 19:
SE¼.
Section 20:
E½ E½ SW¼ NW¼, SE¼ NW¼, S½ NE¼, S½.
Section 21:
S½N½, SW¼
Section 22:
SW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ , SW ¹ / ₄ .
Section 27:
SW ¹ / ₄ .
Section 28:
W½, N½ NE¼, SE¼.
Section 29:
All.
Section 30:
E½, Lot 4.
Section 31:
All.
Section 32:
All.
Section 33:
All.
Section 34:
NW¼, S½ NE¼, S½.

Currently Approved Deer Creek Mine Permit Area
T17S, R6E, SLB&M Emery County, Utah
Section 1:
Lots 1, 2, 3, SE¼ NW¼, S½ NE¼, E½ SW¼, SE¼.
Section 12:
E½ W½, E½.
Section 13:
E½ W½, E½.
Section 24:
E½ W½, E½.
Section 25:
N½ NE¼, Beginning at the SE corner of the NE¼ SE¼ Section 25, T17S, R6E, SLB&M Thence, north 160 rods, west 116 rods to the center line of the Cottonwood Creek; thence southerly along centerline of said creek to a point 84 rods west of hte beginning; thence, east 84 rods to the beginning.
T17S, R7E, SLB&M Emery County, Utah
Section 2:
Lots 2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, SW1/4, SE1/4.
Section 3:
Lots 1-8, 10-12, SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4.
Section 4:
All.
Section 5:
All.
Section 6:
All.
Section 7:
All.
Section 8:
All.
Section 9:
All.

Currently Approved Deer Creek Mine Permit Area
Section 10:
All.
Section 11:
N½ NW¼, SW¼ NW¼, Portions of the SE¼ NW¼ west of the Deer Creek fault, W½ W½ SW¼, Portions of the E½W½ SW¼ west of the Deer Creek fault.
Section 14:
Portions of the NW¼ NW¼ west of the Deer Creek fault, Portions of the SW¼ NW¼ west of the Deer Creek fault, Portions of the NW¼ SW¼ west of the Deer Creek fault, Portions of the SW¼ SW¼ west of the Deer Creek fault.
Section 15:
All.
Section 16:
All.
Section 17:
All.
Section 18:
All.
Section 19:
All.
Section 20:
All.
Section 21:
All.
Section 22:
W½, NE¼, W½ SE¼, W½ E½ SE¼, Portions of the E½ SE¼ SE¼ west of the Deer Creek fault, Portions of the SE¼ NE¼ SE¼ west of the Deer Creek fault.
Section 27:
N½ NW¼, NW¼ NE¼, W½ E½ NE¼, Portions of the E½ E½ NE¼ west of the Deer Creek fault.
Section 28:
N½ N½.

Currently Approved Deer Creek Mine Permit Area Section 29:

N½ N½.

Section 30:

Lots 1, 2, 3, N¹/₂ NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄ NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄ SE¹/₄.

Beltline Corridor

Beginning at a point S 0° 22' E, 142.4 feet from the SW corner of NW¼ of Section 1, T17S, R7E, SLB&M; thence, N 49° 53' 23" E, 2395.4 feet; thence, S 40° 10' 42" E, 101.94 feet; thence, S 49° 52' 03" W, 2481.12 feet; thence, N 0° 22' W, 276.25 feet to the point of beginning.

Waste Rock Site

Beginning 10 feet South of the NE corner of Section 6, T17S, R8E, SLB&M; thence, S 89° 52' 00" W, 1272 feet; thence S 0° 08' 00" E, 600 feet; thence, S 83° 28' 43" E, 302.035 feet; thence, S 72° 54' 35" E, 314.083 feet; thence, S 63° 06' 41" E, 224.508 feet; thence, S 48° 18' 17" E, 268.404 feet; thence, S 00° 06' 47" E, 395.999 feet; thence, S 24° 27' 41" W, 567.331 feet; thence, S 41° 59' 50" W, 1009.675 feet; thence S 41° 10' 40" E, 100 feet; thence, N 43° 39' 42" E 2237.446 feet; thence N 27° 28' 27" E 1266.136 feet; thence, N 89° 40' 41" W, 1015.357 feet; to the point of beginning.

Currently Approved Des Bee Dove Mine Permit Area
T17S, R7E, SLB&M Emery County, Utah
Section 27:
Portions of the E½ E½ E½ NE¼ East of the Deer Creek fault.
Section 26
N½, NE¼ SW¼, N½ SE¼.
Section 25:
NW¼ SW¼, N½ SW¼ SW¼.
Section 24:
W½, W½ SE¼.
Section 23:
E½, E½ W½, SW¼ SW¼, E½ W½ NW¼, E½ NW¼ SW¼, Portions of the W½ W½ NW¼ east of the Deer Creek fault, Portions of the W½ NW¼ SW¼ east of the Deer Creek fault.
Section 22:
Portions of the E½ E½ SE¼ SE¼ east of the Deer Creek fault, Portions of the SE¼ NE¼ SE¼ east of the Deer Creek fault.
Section 14:
E½ W½, W½ E½, NE¼ NE¼, SE¼ SE¼, Portions of the E½ NW¼ NW¼ east of the Deer Creek fault, Portions of the SW¼ NW¼ east of the Deer Creek fault, Portions of the NW¼ SW¼ east of the Deer Creek fault, Portions of the SW¼ SW¼ east of the Deer Creek fault.
Section 13:
SE¼ SW¼
Section 12:
W½ NW¼, NW¼ SW¼.
Section 11:
E½, E½ SW¼, Portions of the E½ E½ W½ SW¼ east of the Deer Creek fault, Portions of the SE¼ NW¼ east of the Deer Creek fault.
Sediment Pond Area
Section 36:
NW 1/4 SW 1/4,SW 1/4 NW 1/4,NW 1/4 NW 1/4

Currently Approved Des Bee Dove Mine Permit Area

Section 35:

SE14 NE14, NE14 SE14

Beginning at a point 269.98 feet West and 140.86 feet North of the East 1/4 corner of section 35, T17S. R7E., SLM and intersecting the Emery County road;

thence S 61°43' E, 127.70 feet; thence S 51° 13' E, 459.78 feet; thence S 60° 43' E, 163.50 feet; thence S 3° 43' E, 213.14 feet; thence N 64° 47' E, 278.44 feet; thence N 22° 17' E, 249.11 feet; thence N 44° 13' W, 217.52 feet; thence N 2°47' E, 431.98 feet; thence N 10° 13' W, 194.24 feet; thence N 6° 13' E, 231.03 feet; thence N 51° 13' E, 154.75 feet; thence N 7° 13' E, 230.82 feet; thence N 39° 13' W, 188.61 feet; thence N 13°48' 40" W, 1030.83 feet; thence N 40° 36' 49" W, 46.42 feet; thence S 88° 27' 37" W, 100.39 feet; thence N 61° 03' 40" W, 163.27 feet, thence West, 79.30 feet, thence S 0°08' W, 517.82 feet; thence S 13° 48' 40" E, 454.63 feet; thence S 60° 37' 19" E, 640.87 feet; thence S 7° 13' W, 189.18 feet; thence S 51° 13' W, 155.25 feet; thence S 6° 13' W, 258.97 feet: thence S 10° 13' E, 195.76 feet; thence S 2° 47' W, 448.02 feet; thence S 44° 13' E, 206.48 feet; thence S 22° 17' W, 196.89 feet; thence S 64° 47' W, 185.56 feet; thence N 3° 43' W, 166.86 feet; thence N 60° 43' W, 186.50 feet; thence N 51° 13' W, 460.22 feet; thence N 61° 43' W, 132.30 feet; thence S 28° 16' 51" W, 50.00 feet; to point of beginning.

Currently Approved Trail Mountain Mine Permit Area T17S, R6E, SLB&M Emery County, Utah Section 25: S½ NW¼, W½ SW¼, W½ E½ SW¼, SW¼ SE¼, E½ E½ SW¼, Beginning at the point of the SW corner of NW1/4 SE1/4; thence, north 160 rods; thence, east 44 rods to the center of Cottonwood Creek; thence southward along creek to a point 76 rods east of the beginning; thence, west 76 rods to the point of beginning. Section 26 SE¼ NE¼, E½ SW¼ NE¼, E½ SE¼, E½ W½ SE¼, S½ SW¼, W½ SW¼ SE¼. Section 27: S1/2 S1/2. Section 34: All. Section 35: All. T18S, R6E, SLB&M Emery County, Utah Section 1: Lots 1-8, S½ N½, E½ NE¼ SW¼, E½ NW¼ NE¼ SW¼, N½ NW¼ NE¼ SE¼, N½ NW¼ SE¼. Section 2: Lots 1-8, S½ N½, N½ NE¼ SW¼, N½ SW¼ NE¼ SW¼, SE¼ NE¼ SW¼, NW¼ NE¼ SE¼, N½ SW¼NE¼ SE¼, N½ NW1/4 SE1/4, N1/2 S1/2 NW1/4 SE1/4. Section 3: Lots 1, 2, 3, 6(E½), 7, and 8, NW¼ SE¼ NE¼, NE¼ SW¼ NE¼, S½ SE¼ NE¼, NE¼ SE¼ NE¼. T18S, R7E, SLB&M Emery County, Utah Section 6: Lots 4-7, W1/2 SE1/4 NW1/4, W1/2 E1/2 SW1/4.

As indicated during discussions with the Associate Director, PacifiCorp is currently developing amendments to revise the permit areas of the Cottonwood, Deer Creek and Des-Bee-Dove mines to be consistent with status of Federal Coal Lease relinquishments and right-of-way adjustments.

If there are any questions or concerns please call me at 435-687-4720.

Sincerely,

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